

Underwater Explorers Club of SA Inc

NEWSLETTER

JULY-2019





GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday – 3rd

July

1945 for 2000

Nailsworth Community Club, 31 Derlanger Avenue, Collinswood

All members, past members and potential members are invited to attend.

*Our guest speaker for this meeting will be our member **Bob Butterfield**.
Again this year, Bob and a small group of similarly adventurous friends
undertook an expedition through the outback region of South Australia
visiting a number of well known locations.
Bob will take us through their travels through the area.*

Prior to the meeting, you are invited to join with those members
enjoying a meal at the Hampstead Hotel on North East Road, Collinswood.
Meet there at 1815.

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Waters to be Explored



JULY

Sun 28th

Port Noarlunga Reef /Jetty

Tide times — [H] 0004 **1.21** [L] 0513 **1.04** [H] 1310 **1.78**

This dive, reputed to be the most-dived site in Australia, can be a jetty dive or boat dive depending on the conditions on the day. The dive leader will provide details when you confirm attendance.

For the jetty dive, access is from the steps midway along the jetty. Exit is easier at high tide. Depth at the reef is 9M. Head into the current: south to follow the marker trail or north to find a big school of silver drummer. You'll see sweep, zebrafish, moonlighters, colourful sponges, and rays and cowries have been spotted here. A torch is handy to look under ledges. A trolley would be useful.

From a boat, the depth can reach 18M on the outside of the reef. The terrain is quite different with many interesting swim-throughs. Herring kale and schools of drummer swim by. Look for blue devils hiding in crevasses. Nudibranchs and sea hares cling to the surfaces. From depth, remember to do a safety stop before surfacing. And it is a marine reserve so nothing must be taken.

► *Safety Officer*

Safety in 2019 – 2020

A few things to discuss.....

This is the time of year when you might not be getting wet very much so it's time to take stock of your diving.

Is all your equipment in good order? It's a good time to do any repairs or replacement you might have missed during the year. Are your tanks in test? Is your First Aid kit well-stocked? Do you have one!!! What about a Spares kit? What extras do you need to check?Torch with batteries? Tank light for night dives? Computer working? Safety Sausage? What about after a dive especially in winter.....warm clothes, warm drinks?

What about your health? Are you fit to dive? And on the day before your dive.....no alcohol, not fatigued?

Think back about dives you did this past year. Were they all fantastic? Or were there any incidents or problems that occurred? Did you discuss it with your buddy? How can you make your diving better? Did you plan your dive and discuss it with your buddy? Be the buddy you would like your buddy to be. *We must all not become complacent.*

And a final note: We are asking for volunteers to be Dive leaders and Safety Officers. Let me know if you can help out. Many hands make light work.

Safe Diving

Sue



SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019-2020

Now Due

Full Members & Life Members continuing to dive — \$70

Social Members — \$35

14 people die in disaster off the coast of South Australia

Nyora shipwreck that claimed 14 lives in 1917 revealed for first time off Cape Jaffa

Find out more about this event at —

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-06-12/nyora-tug-boat-shipwreck-brought-to-life-from-the-depths/11199754>

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Display your skills and submit 3 photographs for consideration in our on-going competition which runs tri-monthly

New themes have been decided for future competitions –

The current theme is * **Big-Uns**
(Sharks, Dolphins, Rays etc)

and will be followed by * **Stripes**

Photographs should be 7" x 5" which is 2100 x 1500 pixels when resolution is 300 pixels/in

File should be **jpeg**, with a size less than 400 Kb

Forward to secretary@uecofsa.org.au by 15-**August**-2019



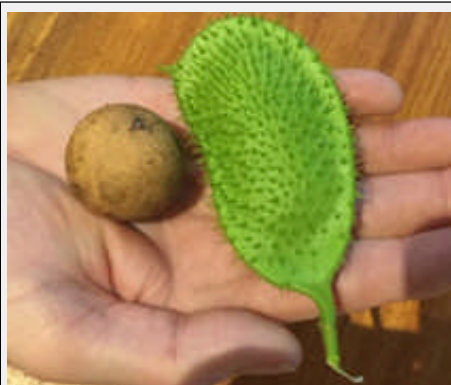
Rob's Ramblings

Tales from a visit to North Queensland

Green Island

Green Island is a 15 hectare coral sand quay 25 kilometres from Cairns, Far North Queensland.

The island is part of a larger coral reef and coral sand grass meadows and is covered by rainforest, which is nourished by a lens of fresh water that sits above the salt. This National Park has a wide variety of plants, such as casuarina, coconut palms and pandanus palms. The coconuts were introduced by man but everything else is seen as floating seeds that washed up on the beach or came in, or attached to, birds that visited.



Seeds and vegetation.



In the undergrowth are a large number of buff banded rails which will eat anything they can from the tourists - including in the restaurants. There are diminutive emerald doves, peeping silvereyes, noisy-at-night noddy terns, diving crested terns, ever-present herons, rare boobies, a pair of ospreys and a pair of sea eagles.



Walking on the jetty we often saw small green turtles which feed on the grass meadows amongst the coral and spend the night asleep under ledges in shallow water to keep away from tiger sharks and similar predators. Snorkelling one morning I found a turtle “bedroom”-some 8 turtles coming from a small area of coral ledges, not far from the beach, where they had spent the night-occasionally surfacing for a breath. This island does not have turtles laying eggs, such as Heron Island which is much further off shore to the south.

Diving, at least in May, is not very good around the island due to sand and silt decreasing the visibility- this is winter time with a lot of wind and rain and also the proximity to the rain-forested mainland means a lot of freshwater runoff. A day trip can be made to the reef further offshore where the clarity is much better.

There are some oddball diving activities such as sea floor walking with a helmet - no qualifications needed - and driving a scooter - ditto. Good for first-time diving!





Maori wrasse and author-outer reef



Pontoon for diving, semi sub, snorkelling on the outer reef.

The fish life is prolific with occasional black and white tip reef sharks, bat fish, giant trevally, maori wrasse, cod, damsels, emperors and the like.

The coral was growing healthily but had some bleaching die-off about three years ago. Diving around the island and on the outer reef, however, shows a lot of growth and only occasional patches of dead coral which is being covered with new corals from post-bleaching spawning. This northern coral area does not look nearly as bad as the media would have us believe!

When you “slow down” and start looking at what is happening around the quay a lot of bio-action is to be seen. A pair of sea eagles patrol the edge of the rain forest morning and evening to catch birds leaving for, or returning from, a fishing expedition, or to get fish in shallow water. We saw them have a go at herons on the shore.

The herons often walk along the shore tracking “bait balls” (thousands of small fish about 10 cm long) that are sheltering close to the beach from bigger predators in deeper water. We watched a heron catch some of these as well as attempts by small trevally and even gar fish to get at them. The bait ball was also under attack from terns diving vertically in to the middle of them, as well as a lone booby diving in sideways. The boobie’s activities were noticed by a nesting osprey which spent 30 minutes trying to catch the booby, who was trying to catch the bait fish.

A somewhat odd but well attended venue on the quay is the crocodile exhibit. This has been there for decades and houses problem crocodiles (for example one had attacked a fifteen year old Cairns girl) that have been taken from their normal habitat.

One, “Cassius”, is the largest croc in captivity being 1.3 tonnes in weight, 110 years old and 5.5 metres long! There is daily feeding of several of these reptiles (chicken carcasses) and well worth attending-and seeing if Garry the heron can survive nicking bits of chicken from Cassius! At the end you can hold locally born baby crocs (with jaws suitably immobilized) - either Fluffy, Bubbles or Cuddles! Sounds horribly touristy but actually is well worth it.



Cassius – the big !



Fluffy – the small !

Rob Kirk, May, 2019.

In the next edition, Rob moves further north to the **Cooktown — Daintree**

region

Patron’s Day Barbeque





Sunday 18 August

12.00 noon

Residence of **Peter Christopher**
26 Armagh Street, Athelstone.



BYO Meat and drinks and also bring a salad or dessert to share.
To make yourself comfortable, bring your best relaxing chair

Seafood Sensation —

Maple Bacon Salmon

INGREDIENTS

INSTRUCTIONS

For the salmon

- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 (2 1/4-lb.) skin-on salmon fillet
- 2 1/2 tsp. McCormick Himalayan Pink Salt Black Pepper & Garlic Blend, divided
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/3 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. maple syrup
- Finely chopped chives, for garnish

For the candied bacon

- 3 tbsp. maple syrup
- 1 tbsp. packed brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp. McCormick Himalayan Pink Salt Black Pepper & Garlic Blend
- 6 slices bacon

- Preheat oven to 400°. Place lemon slices on bottom of 9"-x-13" baking dish and place salmon on top. Season salmon all over with 2 teaspoons McCormick Himalayan Pink Salt Black Pepper & Garlic Blend.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together mustard, oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Himalayan Pink Salt, Black Pepper, Garlic Blend. Pour sauce over salmon.
- Roast salmon until cooked through and flakes easily with a fork, 20 to 25 minutes. Turn oven to broil and broil until golden if desired, about 3 minutes.
- Meanwhile, make candied bacon: In a small bowl, whisk maple syrup with brown sugar and 1/4 teaspoon of McCormick Himalayan Pink Salt, Black Pepper, Garlic Blend. In a large skillet over medium, cook bacon until lightly golden on both sides, about 4 minutes per side. Drain bacon fat.
- Return skillet to medium heat and pour maple syrup mixture into pan. Add bacon and cook, turning slices frequently until liquid is almost absorbed and bacon is glazed, 3 to 4 minutes.
- Using tongs, carefully transfer bacon to a work surface to cool completely. Crumble bacon and sprinkle with chives over cooked salmon before serving.

people's choice

COMMUNITY LOTTERY

*Paper ticket sales and on-line ticket sales will continue until the end of August.
Our thanks again to those members who have accepted booklets to sell*



*On-line purchases can be made by visiting **our** on-line site at —*

<https://communitylottery.peopleschoicecu.com.au/public/community-groups/underwater-explorers-club-of-sa/>

Remember, 100% of the sales made is returned to the club

CALENDAR




 All Sunday dives to be booked **on the Website**
by the **Thursday** before the dive 

(Dive **departure** times as shown)

JULY

DL – Jeanette Smith (0436 007 459)






SO – Sue Cucchiarelli (0438 882 509)

	Wed 3rd	General Meeting — Nailsworth CC, 31 Delanger Ave. Collinswood	2000
	Tue 9th	Committee Meeting	1000
	Fri 19th	Newsletter items due	
	Wed 24th	SDF Meeting — Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St., Adelaide	1900
	Sun 28th	Port Noarlunga Reef	1000

AUGUST

DL – Keith Lockwood (0466 399 390)





SO – Sue Cucchiarelli (0438 882 509)

	Wed 7th	General Meeting — Nailsworth CC, 31 Delanger Ave. Collinswood	2000
	Sun 11th	Rapid Bay Jetty	1000
	Tue 13th	Committee Meeting	1000
	Sun 18th	Patron's Day	
	Wed 28th	SDF Meeting — Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St., Adelaide	1900
	Fri 23th	Newsletter items due	

SEPTEMBER

DL – TBA

SO – TBA

	Wed 4th	General Meeting — Nailsworth CC, 31 Delanger Ave. Collinswood	2000
	Tue 10th	Committee Meeting	1000
	Fri 21st	Newsletter items due	
	Wed 26th	SDF Meeting — Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St., Adelaide	1900

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Send them **by the date shown** in the calendar to —

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